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WIFE AIDS ASSASSIN TO KILL HER HUSBAND

"Shoot Straight," She Says "and Kill Him the First Time."

PARIS, Sept. 17. A man named Chignon, who has just been arrested at Monegasque, near Bordeaux, for shooting his master M. Duclos, a wine grower, made a remarkable confession of a cold-blooded crime.

He stated that for a long time he had been in love with Mme. Duclos and that on June 28, when his master discovered the fact, he dismissed him from his service.

"Mme. Duclos and I then decided," said Chignon, "to run away as soon as circumstances would permit. On Sunday she and I had a conversation, and it was decided that I should kill her husband the same evening."

Chignon then hid behind a cart in the courtyard, where, according to his statement, he was joined by Mme. Duclos, who handed him a loaded spring rifle. "Be brave," she said, "and shoot straight. Mind you kill him the first time."

About 8.30 that night M. Duclos came into the courtyard with a lantern, and after taking careful aim, Chignon, from behind the cart, shot him through the back of the head, killing him instantly.

"I then threw down the rifle and ran away," said Chignon. Mme. Duclos, who has been arrested, admits that she was intimate with the accused man, but denies that she took any part in the crime.

BELGIANS EAR AN INVASION OF CONGO

Think That Germans Will Annex Territory, and Prepare to Resist Them.

(APETOWN, Sept. 17.)

The Cape Times correspondent at Karonga, Central Africa, telegraphs to-night: "Information from an official quarter reaches me to the effect that the Congo Free State Government is actively engaged in constructing a canal across the great magnitude along the entire western coast of Lake Tanganyika."

"One of these, which has been completed and is fully equipped with twenty modern guns, is within two hours' march of the German frontier."

"A caravan of 800 porters has arrived at Tanganyika, under the command of a Congo official, with material for the construction of a fort."

The same correspondent understands that the Congo authorities fear an invasion by the German forces, who, it is asserted, are bent on annexing the region between Lake Kivu and Tanganyika."

A number of Arab, Shilluk and East coast traders—German subjects—have been unjustifiably expelled from Congo territory, and the correspondent learns that important negotiations are proceeding between Berlin and Brussels.

SUBURBAN AN WAS HOME OF BURGLARS

Police Raid Leads to Discovery of Association of Thieves and their Plunder.

ROME, Sept. 17.

The frequent visits paid early in the morning to an inn outside the walls of Rome, near the new hospital, kept by a young woman, roused the suspicions of the police, and they yesterday made a raid on the place.

They found it full of jewelry and other valuables, the product of many recent burglaries. The arrested hostess, and visitors, allowed, and led to the discovery of a collection of thieves, which had its headquarters in the house. The hostess was a trusted receiver, and found them and lodgment.

Radium in Ireland.

DUBLIN, Sept. 17.—In the water of thermal springs at Mallow, County Cork, once celebrated as a spa, traces of radium have been discovered, and are being analyzed by Thomas Farrington, M. A., a leading Irish physicist. It is the first discovery of radium in Ireland.

RIDEGROOM-ELECT FORGETS WEDDING DAY

Promised Bride Refuses to Wed Him Following Day, and He Kills Her and Himself.

HAMBURG, Sept. 17.

A tailor named Schumann, who was to be married to a pretty young heiress at Helms, misadventured the date of the wedding, and left the town on a journey.

Yesterday was fixed for the ceremony, and the bride and a number of guests were assembled at the church, but the marriage did not take place, owing to the absence of the bridegroom.

To-day he returned, and, dressing for the ceremony, called at the bride's house, thinking it was the wedding day.

The girl, however, refused to marry him, whereupon he went home, and, returning with a revolver, shot her dead and then killed himself.

MAN TWICE BURIED

Taken From Workhouse Graveyard and Interred in Family Plot

DUBLIN, Sept. 17.—Eighty constables were drafted into Charlestown, near Mayo, yesterday, to disperse a crowd which had assembled to give a public funeral to a man who had been buried in a workhouse graveyard.

The man, who died some months ago in the Swinford Workhouse, was buried in the workhouse graveyard, and was removed to the family burial ground, close to the farm from which he was evicted.



Lady Maud Warrender



Countess of Lonsborough

THE PATRIMONY OF THE ENGLISH FAMILY OF FERRERS, AND SOME ENGLISHWOMEN NOTED IN AMATEUR THEATRICALS

SALE OF ANCESTRAL HOME FULFILLS ANCIENT LEGEND

Black Cattle Introduced Into Famous White Herd Disaster Follows to the Family of Ferrers

LONDON, Sept. 17. SOME time this month the historic estate of Chartley, the patrimony of Lord Ferrers, will be sold by public auction.

The name of Ferrers is among the very oldest in English records, and this, if for no other reason, gives exceptional interest to the approaching sale of the Staffordshire estate, which has for centuries descended with the blood of the Ferrers family.

For centuries Chartley was celebrated for its white cattle, and 600 years ago the legend existed that when a black calf was born in the herd disaster would follow the family, from whom the estates would pass.

The legend began to be respected in 1322, after the battle of Burton Bridge between Edward II and his revolted barons, with a Ferrers among them. A black calf being born that year at Chartley, and the second downfall of the house ensuing, this was imputed to the black drupped (which was instantly killed) rather than to the earl's impolitic patriotism.

Last year Lord Ferrers, in utter contempt of the legend, bred black cattle, and now the penance around regard the sale of the estate as fulfillment of the prophecy.

Mary, Queen of Scots, suffered at Chartley one of her many spells of imprisonment in English houses, and, as report tells us, "made a bed" there; that is to say, embroidered a bed cover. She was not confined in the castle, which was then as now a mere ruin on a mound, but in the mansion house near to it; and a depressing sojourn it must have been for her, if one may assume that the present thickets of sombre yews, firs and hollies about the building is an inheritance from the sixteenth century.

Save for its memories, the house is not interesting; just a solid, sober, mellowed old English home, such as Englishmen's fox-hunting ancestors were content to sleep and drink in after their outside pleasures.

By marriage Chartley passed to the Shirleys, who were oppressed by Cromwell as Royalists, and later rewarded by Charles II with the revival of the Ferrers barony. The Earl Ferrers of Queen Anne's time had fifteen sons and twelve daughters, which tended to impoverishment. His grandson, the notorious Laurence, Earl Ferrers, of the Newgate Calendar, left a sad blot on the name in that murder of his steward (at Stanton, in Leicestershire) which brought him to Tyburn in 1760, attired in white satin and silver and riding in a landau drawn by six horses. Horace Walpole's description of the execution is one of the best things in his "Letters," and it is worth remembering that here for the first time in England a sinking platform was used, devised by the family that their kinsman "might not swing off from a cart like a pebble from a catapult." The drop of eighteen inches given by this device was not enough, and four minutes elapsed before the death.

Society Amateurs. The series of three entertainments which the Countess of Lonsborough has arranged for the cricket festival at Scarborough began at the Scarborough Hippodrome last evening.

The building was crowded to its utmost capacity with hundreds of fashionable visitors. Lady Lonsborough and her party occupied all the stalls. The scenic effects and the dresses were beautiful, and there was a brilliant display of jewelry.

The programme consisted of both musical and dramatic items, the chief features being a repetition of "The Dancing Girl and the Idol," as performed before the King at Chatsworth. Miss Muriel Wilson was again the Dancing Girl, and Lady Maud Warrender took the part of the Idol.

Miss Wilson is a clever amateur actress, and Lady Maud Warrender possesses a rich contralto voice, over which she has effective control. Thrice these ladies were recalled, and they were presented with baskets of choice flowers.

The Countess of Kinross contributed a violin solo, the Earl accompanying her on the piano.

A series of tableaux vivants followed. Peace and war were represented, Russian costumes being worn by some of the artists. The ladies and gentlemen in the cast were Miss Muriel Wilson, Lady Alington, the Hon. Mrs. Alwyn Fellows, Miss Dancy, Miss Elsie Brees, Rupert Beckett and Leo Trevor, who wrote and arranged the pantomime, "Beauty and the Beast," for the performance at Chatsworth before the King.

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LADY VIOLET POULETT, A FAIR BRIDE-ELECT

Lady Violet Poulett, whose engagement to Cecil Wingfield has been announced, is sister of the young Earl Poulett, who established his claim to the title a couple of years ago against the person known as "Viscount Hinton." Although the title was a matter of dispute, there was no uncertainty as to the inheritance, for the late Earl Poulett left everything to his son, and his daughter, Lady Violet, was his only child.

Lady Violet's fiancé is related to the Powerscourt and Dwyer families, and his brother's engagement was made public only a few days earlier.

DARING HOTEL ROBBERY

Burglar Locks Door Inside While He Rifles Room of Jewelry.

DIEPPE, Sept. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. Pouts, of Dover, Sloane street, London, have been the victims of a daring burglary at the Hotel Royal.

Their maid, who was preparing her clothes before dinner, left their room to fetch some hot water, leaving the key in the door. On her return she found the door locked on the inside, and, believing her mistress to be in the room, left the water on the landing.

Twenty minutes later the maid noticed that the hot water was still before the door, and procuring a duplicate key from the office entered the bedroom, where she found that a thief had broken open her mistress' boxes and stolen jewelry and money to the value of £2500. The police have not succeeded in arresting the robber.

New "Waterloo" Picture.

LONDON, Sept. 17.—More than 100,000 figures are depicted in the painting of the Battle of Waterloo just finished by the German artist, Herr von Drehten. The Duke of Wellington is shown in the background of the picture, which is only four feet long.

Chimney Sweeps Graduate.

HAMBURG, Sept. 17.—An examination has been held at the Gluckstadt Technical Academy for Chimney Sweeps, near Hamburg. The title of "master sweep" was gained by twenty-three students.

MAN POISONS HIMSELF AND WIFE AND FAMILY

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When the police arrived yesterday they found all dead, except one little girl, who was still able to speak, but died later.

She said that after dinner was over her father locked the door, and then told them what he had done, and bade them prepare for death.

Fortune in a Mouse Hole.

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But Miss Jeanne Bevalon sought for it with a poker, and to such lengths did she go that she disturbed the floor. The poker touched a rustling mass of paper, which turned out to be ten 100-franc notes and three bonds.

The valuable had belonged to a previous tenant, who had been out of his mind.

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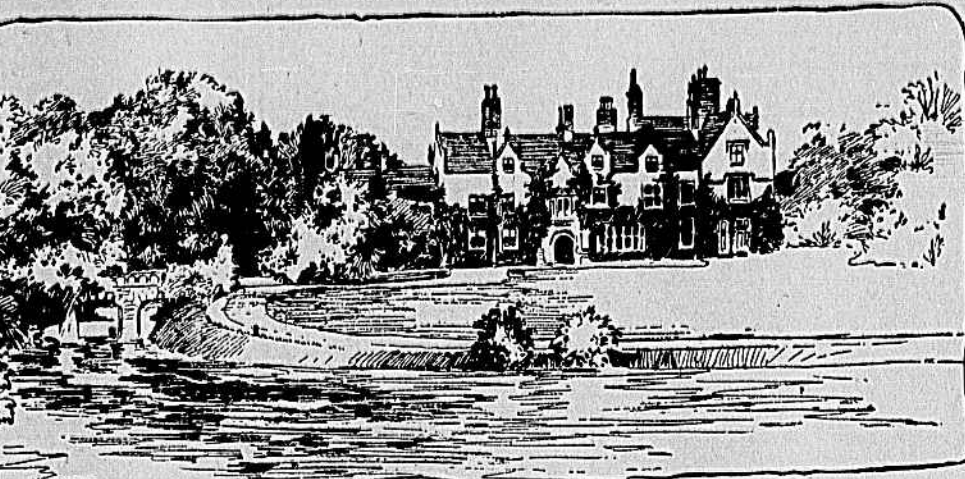
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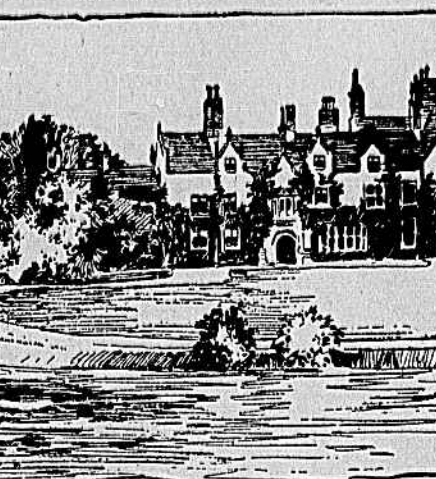
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Henri Dunant

FOUNDER OF RED CROSS LIES DYING, A PAUPER

Henri Dunant, Once Famous the World Over, Friendless and Alone in Swiss Town.

VIENNA, Sept. 17.—An audacious robbery of military plans is reported from here.

A quantity of plans for the defense of the frontier were sent from Przemysl near the Russian frontier, by a messenger, to the Minister of War at Vienna.

These plans have mysteriously disappeared.

GODS OF THE CELTS SMILED ON PAN-CELTIC CONVENTION

Great Gathering Representative of the Old Race in a Welsh Town Comes to a Close

LONDON, Sept. 18. THE great Pan-Celtic Congress held in Carnarvon, Wales, has come to an end. Lord Castletown, an Irish peer, who presided, in a remarkable speech said that he heard the voices of the old Celtic gods in the thunder expressing approval of the Celtic reunion.

The overshadowing event of the congress has been the admission of Cornwall to the sacred ranks of the Celtic nations. These now number six, and are the following: Wales, Cornwall, the Highlands, Ireland, Brittany and Manxland.

To celebrate this great fact the Welsh national anthem—"The Land of My Fathers"—was formally adopted as the national anthem of all the Celts. It was solemnly sung in a remarkable manner. Four Celtic singers, representing Ireland, Wales, Brittany and Cornwall, each in turn sang the solo of the anthem in the native tongue of each country, while the thousands of assembly, Celts thundered out the chorus in Welsh. Their faces were transfigured, and their eyes were streaming with tears of joy.

A Roar of Thunder.

Lord Castletown said that, now all the nations of the Celtic world were reunited, they might hope to rehabilitate the old nation in all its pristine glories, and attain to higher and greater deeds than ever their forefathers had accomplished.

Then came a flash of the old Celtic inspiration.

"As I stood in the great castle yard on Tuesday," continued Lord Castletown, "as I witnessed there the raising of the Lla Cinnel (the Sacred Pillar of the Celts), at the very moment when the last stone was put in position, completing the great Rock and Pillar of our people, you all heard the deep roar of thunder above."

"To my mind—call me superstitious if you will—it was the voice of the gods of our people when they were a great nation and swept all before them. And to me they seemed to say, 'A! Here are the ancient Celts all joined together again, as the rock of thunder found answer in the roar of enthusiastic applause which followed the completion of the Pillar.'"

"Possibly Merlin was there, saying, 'This is the great revival I predicted in the sixth century.'"

Lord Castletown is justly proud of being a Celt. "There was a time," he said, "when I felt keenly that people looked down on the Celts. To-day, however, they are no longer looked upon as inferior. 'Yes, I am an Irishman, and behind me are the Welsh and the Scots and the Manx, and I feel that I am a Celt, and you will find yourself in the gutter.'"

The Final Ceremony.

Mr. Jenner, the Cornish delegate, read a telegram of congratulation which had been sent over the post office wires in the old Cornish dialect, and the post office can send that by wire in Cornish, then Cornish cannot be a dead language," he cried to the delighted Celts, amid vociferous applause.

The final ceremony of the congress was the taking down of the Pillar. This was a task of no small magnitude, as each fragment weighs several hundredweight.

The Celts grouped themselves in the castle yard, and the fragments of the Pillar were carried around the Pillar playing wild Celtic strains. The delegate of each Celtic nation advanced, laid his hand on the nation's fragment in its place in the Pillar, solemnly declaring that the nation's duty had been done. Then he ordered the removal of the fragment from the Pillar, which will not be raised again until three years hence, when the next Celtic Congress meets. This will be in the Highlands.

THINK MOTHER HAD ARISEN FROM GRAVE

Appearance at Home of a Woman Regarded as Dead Causes Sensation.

BUDAPEST, Sept. 17. A few days ago the wife of a carpenter named Pater was knocked down by an electric tram and seriously injured.

She was taken to the hospital, and, her condition improving, she was removed to another ward, her place being filled by a woman who died a few hours after admission.

But the label over the bed bearing the name of Frau Pater was not removed, and her husband was officially informed of her decease.

In the meantime Frau Pater made a good recovery, and, with a heart overcharged with emotion, returned to her home yesterday.

To her dismay, the children, shrieking with terror, fled as she approached, telling everyone they had seen a ghost.

It was not until to-day that she was accepted as a legitimate member of the family.

Shock Kills Girl.

PARIS, Sept. 17.—To scare an actress whom they disliked a rat was placed in her bed in a Paris boarding house by three fellow-boarders. The girl dropped dead from the shock when she discovered the rat.



Irish Heiress Elopes with Shop Assistant

Her Father's Plans for an Aristocratic Alliance Rudely Dispersed.

BELFAST, Sept. 17. An elopement with all the elements of romance surrounding it has just caused a great commotion in the prosaic city of Belfast.

The heroine is the daughter of one of the chief public men of the city. Her family belongs to the most exclusive circle there, and in addition is credited with being very rich.

It is said her father has ambitious plans for her future, and that an alliance with a member of the aristocracy was aimed at. Hence, ordinary suitors were frowned at, and when, some little time ago, the young and impressionable lady showed a preference for a fairly well-to-do young fellow in her own circle her parents discouraged the affair so strongly that it died a natural death.

The Humble Hero.

Now all their hopes of an aristocratic union have been dashed to the ground. There recently came to a large drapery shop in the centre of the town a handsome young assistant, with pleasing manners and an apt tongue. The young woman, visiting the shop on the first day he arrived, was at once attracted.

"Day after day for weeks past her carriage has set her down at the shop, and none but the handsome young assistant might serve her. With him she lingered long over the stuffs dear to a woman's heart; but it was soon obvious that it was the draper, and not the draperies, that fascinated her."

The shop assistants, more particularly those of the female sex, soon grasped the delicate situation, and freely commented upon it. But the infatuated damsel paid no heed, and day by day the romance developed.

Their talk, however, moved the couple to hasty action. Rumor has it that the matter came to the father's ears, and there was a stormy scene in the house.

Lovers Fly Together.